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REMARKS

Claims 6, 7, 14 and 15 have been cancelled without prejudice by the above amendment to the claims. Applicants reserve the right to further pursue these claims in a further application.

Response to Office Communication

Applicants have sought an interference with U.S. Patent No. 6,543,057, and have copied claims from that patent into the above-captioned application. In an Office Communication mailed November 18, 2004, the Examiner noted that the Applicants had not specifically applied each limitation or element of each of the copied claims to the disclosure of the application.

In compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.607(a)(5), Applicants provide the following chart to specifically apply each limitation of each of the copied claims to the disclosure of the application.

Claim	Limitation Text	Example of Support from application
1	A hockey glove for enclosing a human wrist and hand, the hand including a dorsal side, a palm side, four fingers and one thumb having a dorsal side, an inner side, a middle phalanx, a distal phalanx and an articulation between the middle and distal phalanxes, said hockey glove including a hand-receiving portion comprising	Figs. 1-2; ¶ 36
	(a) a palm side facing the palm side of the hand;	Figs. 1-2; ¶ 36
	(b) a dorsal side facing the dorsal side of the hand, said dorsal side of said hand-receiving portion having a padded surface;	Figs. 1-2; ¶ 36
	(c) finger sheaths receiving the four fingers of the hand; and	Figs. 1-2; ¶ 36
	(d) a thumb-receiving portion receiving the thumb of the hand, said thumb-receiving portion having a rigid thumb shell covering at least in part the dorsal side of the thumb, said rigid thumb shell	Figs 5-11; ¶¶ 53, 55

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	having first and second shell portions that partially overlap one another, said first shell portion covering at least partially the middle phalanx of the thumb, said second shell portion covering at least partially the distal phalanx of the thumb, said first shell portion being hinged to said second shell portion.	
2	The hockey glove as defined in Claim 1 wherein said first and second shell portions are hinged together near the articulation between the middle and distal phalanxes.	Figs. 5-7, 9, 10; ¶ 54
3	The hockey glove as defined in Claim 1 wherein said first and second shell portions comprise stopping means for preventing movement of said second shell portion beyond a predetermined point.	Figs. 6, 6A, 10; ¶¶ 54, 57, 58
4	The hockey glove as defined in Claim 1 wherein a degree of overlap between said first and second shell portions varies when one of said first and second shell portions is hingedly moved relative to the other of said first and second shell portions.	Figs 6, 7; ¶56
5	The hockey glove as defined in Claim 4 wherein said first shell portion partially extends underneath said second shell portion.	Figs. 10, 11; ¶¶ 54, 55
8	The hockey glove as defined in Claim 1 further comprising a cuff portion surrounding the wrist, said cuff portion having a plurality of padded elements positioned around at least a portion of the circumference of said cuff portion and defining a peripheral forearm protector, each said padded element partially overlapping an adjacent padded	Figs. 1-4; ¶¶44, 45, 51

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	element.	
9	A hockey glove for enclosing a human wrist and hand, the hand including a dorsal side, a palm side, four fingers and one thumb having a dorsal side, an inner side, a middle phalanx, a distal phalanx and an articulation between the middle and distal phalanxes, said hockey glove comprising:	Figs. 1-2; ¶ 36
	(a) a cuff portion surrounding the wrist;	Figs. 1-4; ¶ 36
	(b) a hand-receiving portion having a thumb-receiving portion receiving the thumb of the hand, said thumb-receiving portion having a rigid thumb shell covering at least in part the dorsal side of the thumb, said rigid thumb shell having first and second shell portions that partially overlap one another;	Figs. 5-10; ¶¶ 36, 53-55
	(c) a first movable joint between said cuff portion and said first shell portion; and	Figs. 1-2, 5; ¶¶ 44, 45, 51
	(d) a second movable joint between said first and second shell portions.	Figs. 6, 6A, 7, 9, 10; ¶¶ 55-57
10	The hockey glove as defined in Claim 9 wherein said first and second shell portions are hinged together near the articulation between the middle and distal phalanxes.	Figs. 5-7, 10; ¶ 54
11	The hockey glove as defined in Claim 9 wherein said first and second shell portions comprise stopping means for preventing movement of said second shell portion beyond a predetermined point.	Figs. 6-10; ¶¶ 54, 57, 58
12	The hockey glove as defined in Claim 9 wherein a degree of overlap between said first and second shell portions varies when one of said first and	Figs. 6, 7; ¶ 56

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	second shell portions is hingedly moved relative to the other of said first and second shell portions.	
13	The hockey glove as defined in Claim 12 wherein said first shell portion partially extends underneath said second shell portion.	Figs. 6, 7, 9-11; ¶¶ 54, 55
16	The hockey glove as defined in Claim 9 wherein said cuff portion comprises a plurality of padded elements positioned around at least a portion of the circumference of said cuff portion and defining a peripheral forearm protector, each said padded element partially overlapping an adjacent padded element.	Figs. 1-2; ¶¶ 44, 45, 51

The undersigned has made a good faith effort to respond to the Examiner's requests from the Office Communication mailed November 18, 2004. If any issues remain or if any issues require clarification, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call Applicants' attorney in order to resolve such issue promptly.

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